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Advertisements Mislead Senior Citizens

Beware of costly hoaxes. It's sad, but true -- elderly people, especially those with barely enough money to live on, often fall victim to cruel hoaxes that rob them of their identity and their money. They're promised increased federal benefits or a refund in exchange for private information such as their date of birth and Social Security number. The information is then used to fraudulently open credit card accounts. Recently, more than 25,000 people responded to a flier posted in senior citizen centers, churches and nursing homes. The flier said that because of the "Slave Reparations Act," the government was refunding money to anyone born before 1928. No such law exists. Be wary of fliers, letters, or advertisements asking for a Social Security number or other personal information. For more details, see <http://www.ssa.gov/pressoffice/TREAfact.htm>

CP-18 Leadership Development Program, Class of 2002

Reminder--the announcement closes 31 August 2001. Program information can be found at <http://www.hq.usace.army.mil/cehr/d/cehec2.htm#LDP>.

FEHB Open Season

The Office of Personnel Management has announced that open season for health benefits this year will run from 12 November through 10 December 2001. However, OPM is reversing its earlier announcement that starting in 2002, enrollments for active employees would be effective 1 January because of concerns about agency payroll systems not being able to prorate withholdings. OPM now says it will continue, at least for the upcoming open season, its past policy of making enrollment changes effective at the start of the first full pay period of the new calendar year. For more information on health benefits open season visit OPM's website at <http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/index.htm>

Sustaining Base Leadership and Management Program (SBLM)

The next scheduled resident class is 14 January through 5 April 2002. The non-resident course will be held 20 August 2002 through 30 July 2003. Nominees must apply through the new Electronic Application Process (EAP) for SBLM classes. Information and applications are available at www.cpol.army.mil/train/catalog/ch01sblm.html.

FY02 ACTEDS Training Catalog

The FY02 Army Civilian Training, Education, and Development System (ACTEDS) Training Catalog is now available on-line at <http://www.cpol.army.mil/train/catalog/>. The catalog is the official source of information on significant civilian training programs, such as senior service colleges, the Defense Leadership and Management Program (DLAMP), Army civilian leadership training core courses including the Sustaining Base Leadership and Management Program (SBLM), competitive professional development opportunities spanning long and short-term training courses, developmental assignments and Training-With-Industry for career program employees, and other noteworthy courses. Check it now (and often) to ensure you meet nomination suspense dates!

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